# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# URBAN DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF KOLKATA MEGA CITY PROJECT
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government has taken up time bound plan for implementation of Kolkata Mega City Project;

(b) if so, whether fund has been released so far for this project;

(c) if so, the details of fund released by the Union Government and details by the Government of West Bengal during the last three years;

(d) whether attention of the Union Government has been drawn to the Urban environment in Kolkata Metropolitan Area which is in dire necessity of huge upgradation;

(e) if so, whether the Government of West Bengal has requested for enhancing annual release of funds by the Union Government; and

(f) if so, the facts in details and action taken/to be taken in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ( SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD )

(a): Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities, operational since 1993-94 is applicable to five mega cities including Kolkata. Projects for infrastructural development of Kolkata Mega City are sanctioned by State Level Nodal Agency for Kolkata Mega City.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): During the last three years, funds were released to the nodal agency for Kolkata Mega City by the Union Government & State Government of West Bengal, as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

| Year | Funds released by Union Govt. | Funds released by State Govt. |
|---|---|---|
| 2001-02 | 25.70 | 20.00 |
| 2002-03 | 26.23 | 20.00 |
| 2003-04 | 41.30 | 6.50 |
| TOTAL: | 93.23 | 46.50 |

Union Government has also released Rs.46.17 crore during 2004-05 to Kolkata Mega City.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): Government of West Bengal requested for enhancement of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructural Development in Mega Cities.

(f): An Asian Development Bank (ADB) assisted Kolkata Environmental Improvement Project (LN 1813:IND) at an estimated cost of US $ 350 million has been taken up by the State Government of West Bengal for improving basic urban services in Kolkata, including sewerage, drainage, solid waste management & urban transportation. ADB would provide loan to the extent of US $ 220 million. The project is implemented by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

Funds under the Mega City Scheme are released with reference to the available budget provision and the rational formula for allocation of available funds among five mega cities. In the recent past there has been considerable enhancement in allocation of funds to kolkata Mega City as would be evident from the Central allocation for the year 2001-02 and onwards.